

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are in this application. The Examiner has refused entry of the proposed amendment of Claims 1 and 4. The amendment of Claim 4 merely corrects its dependency and therefore is assumed to be acceptable. The Examiner's comments have been directed to the proposed amendment of Claim 1.

The drawing corrections requested by the Draftsperson will be submitted once the claims have been found in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is asked to reconsider his refusal to enter the proposed amendment of Claim 1, contending that it raised a new issue. In fact, the phrase "exposed to said carbon dioxide laser" was intended to make clear that the roughness of the copper foil was exposed to the laser. The application teaches that the roughness of the copper surface affects the ability of carbon dioxide laser to drill via holes (see page 8, line 9 to page 11, line 8 and Fig. 3). The method of Claim 1 already stated in line 2 that a carbon dioxide laser is used to drill via holes. Therefore, including the proposed amendment merely confirms what was implicit in the claim and is consistent with the teachings of the application.

The Applicant contends that, rather than raising a new issue, the proposed amendment should be entered and the claims allowed.

Reconsideration is requested.

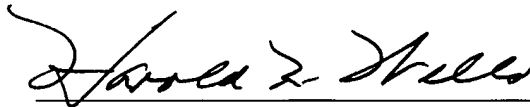
Conclusion

The fee required for an extension of time is enclosed. Should any additional fees be required (except for payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Jenkins & Gilchrist, P.C. Deposit Account No. 10-0447, Order No. 47163-00037.

Respectfully submitted,

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